

FACT SHEET  
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Sabine-Neches Waterway, Texas.

AUTHORIZATION: House Document 553, 87<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

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Estimated Federal Cost	\$14,472,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$800,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$15,272,000
Allocation thru FY 2002	\$13,177,850
Allocation for FY 2003	\$14,472,000
Budget Request for FY 2004	\$8,849,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2004	N/A
Amount that could be Used in FY 2004	\$18,047,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located in the vicinities of Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, and Sabine Pass in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas, and Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana. The Sabine-Neches Waterway is a 79 mile deep draft ship channel which extends from the 42-foot contour in the Gulf of Mexico through a jettied channel to Port Arthur, to Beaumont via the Neches River Channel and to Orange via the north part of Sabine Lake and continues via the Sabine River Channel.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: Work consists of maintenance dredging the Outer Bar and Entrance Channel, Sabine-Neches Canal Section B and Sabine River Channel, and Neches River Middle Reach and continue the contracts on Port Arthur Canal and Taylors Bayou Turning Basin, Sabine-Neches Canal and Lower Neches River Channel. Implement a Section 204 Beneficial Use project using material from the Neches River Middle Reach to replenish a portion of Bessie Heights Marsh.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2004: Work will consist of maintenance dredging the Outer Bar and Bank Channel, continue on the Sabine River Channel and Section B, and Neches River Middle Reach. Implement a Section 204 Beneficial Use project using material from the Sabine Pass Channel to replenish the marsh at Texas Point.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Maintenance of the project to authorized dimensions is a Federal responsibility. Safe and efficient commercial navigation is of national interest. Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Statistics compiled for Calendar Year 1996 show a movement of 103,262,000 tons of commerce.

LOCAL SPONSOR: Jefferson County Navigation and Waterway District, Orange County Navigation District, and Port of Port Arthur Navigation District.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Cornyn** and **Hutchison**, (TX) Congressman **Turner** (TX-2), **Lampson** (TX-9)

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